

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

16th August 2022 - 19:30

Zoom link:

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NB: We now have a Zoom account for Spokes, so shouldn't need to rejoin every 40 minutes (but may run into other teething problems!). Contact David French if you have any problems.

Attendees: DF AR AM JR

Apologies: MM

TEC papers ([link to papers](#))

1. Pedestrian crossing prioritisation - see programme in appendix 1. Includes lots of refuge island projects, i.e. potential pinch points, and many other schemes where "options being considered". Have pinch points been considered adequately? Also should any ped crossings be toucans? Should we seek consultation? **DF to enquire about being consulted.**
2. Proposed Changes to Charging Mechanism for Road Construction Consent Inspections.
3. Transport Infrastructure Investment - road resurfacing. David sent in comments in July, but the promised meeting to discuss them has not happened yet??
4. Delivering Scotland's Circular Economy - double check relevance to cycling (glass deposit scheme).
5. Strategic Review of Parking
 - a. Recommended to make CPZ TRO (Leith/Gorgie areas). **Check modifications to TRO aren't detrimental.**
6. Active Travel Measures - Travelling Safely Update - note continuing high level of objections (in Appendix 1) and fewer supportive. BEST Edinburgh considering a deputation to encourage supportive councillors, especially as opposing deputation likely [email from Kirsty, spokes party]
 - a. Recommended to make all ETROs for cycle schemes with minor to no amendments.
 - b. No ETRO recommended for South Queensferry High St - does this mean removal of contraflow? **JR to enquire.**
7. Evaluation of the 20mph Speed Limit Roll Out – Three Years Post-Implementation
 - a. Map of proposed extension to go to consultation (expected to start in **October 2022**).
 - b. Noted short unnecessary 30mph stretch between Currie and Juniper Green. Should review rest of proposals.
8. Business Bulletin
 - a. Corstorphine Connections Low Traffic Neighbourhood
 - i. September
 - b. Leith Connections Low Traffic Neighbourhood
 - i. "Autumn", post-tram works. Part ETRO, part TRO. Potential for delays if issues with the TRO.
 - c. King's Road junction
 - i. Restrictions starting today. Works continue through September.
 - d. Smarter Choices, Smarter Places

- e. City Mobility Plan
 - i. At next TEC meeting
- f. George St
 - i. Report on Stage 3 at October TEC meeting.
 - ii. Stage 4 starts in autumn - involves detailed design.
- g. North Bridge Refurbishment Update
 - i. Permanent completion: 2025
 - ii. Potential two-way running: Spring 2023
 - iii. Opportunity to introduce bus gates etc.
- h. Low Emission Zone
 - i. Mention of road layout changes at various places including Tollcross Junction as part of LEZ prep. Mentions of minimising negative impacts on AT when surely they should be delivering positive impacts. Happy to email for details (AR).

Other Transport

1. [Sheriffhall inquiry](#) - We need to confirm by 18 August whether we wish to maintain our objection and whether we wish to participate in the inquiry.
 - a. **DF to say we do want to participate.**
 - b. **Written statement by 15th Sept**
 - c. **“Pre-inquiry meeting” by end October 2022.**
2. Inch Park consultation - JR to do a draft which we can then circulate to local members JR to collate a response. Also West Pilton Park & Inverleith Park to come. https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/inch-park-masterplan/user_uploads/a1-consultation-boards-final-3.pdf One of our followers tweeted this, “I think problematic that there isn't clear cycle provision. Inch park could be a useful route between South Clerk st and Craigmillar Castle Park. Worry as it is currently there's too much scope for Peds Vs bikes conflict”
3. “CYCLE AND WALKING IMPROVEMENTS ON GRANGE ROAD” TRO/21/17 [ends 22/8] <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/roads-pavements/view-comment-traffic-orders-new/3?documentId=12973&categoryId=20089>
 - a. Minor nature, no need to comment.
4. Various TROs at final (objections) stage, including Grosvenor st (ends 19 Aug). Also Pipe Lane (closes 2/9/22), being handled by Spokes Party I think <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/roads-pavements/view-comment-traffic-orders-new/4?documentId=12973&categoryId=20089>
 - a. Spoke to Brendan Forrester re Grosvenor St, he felt there was no need for us to comment as felt there should be little/no objections. Work begins at the end of September here.

Policy

1. [Ferry Inquiry](#) Scottish Parliament 26th Aug 2022. **JR to take a look.**

Planning

1. [22/03556/FUL](#) student accommodation, Yeaman Place (former Dalton scrap yard). Wed 24 Aug 2022. **AM to submit comments.**
- 2.

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Leith Connections meeting - attendees? Martin and Alex so far.

Trams to Newhaven/Leith Walk - update paper to follow via Martin

Meetings with Cllr Scott Arthur and Cllr Katrina Faccenda (Labour, Leith) - notes to follow (Martin)

Picardy Place Central Island - meeting today - notes to follow (Martin)

2023 UCI Cycling World Championships | Elite Men's Edinburgh Start August 2023: £350k budget & £1m Community Cycling Fund

Next Meeting?

Pencil in week commencing 5th September.